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To Chief Librarians:
This electronic information sheet is being distributed to all Regional Librarians and members
of the Automation Working Group.

Please distribute this to staff and boards. Thanks.

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1993-94 CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS

Capital grant projects for 1993-94 have been approved for the Eastern Counties Regional
Library Board (Margaree Forks) and the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board
(Stewiacke), as recommended by the Provincial Library Council in November 1993. The
aim of both these projects is to renovate existing branch libraries making them more easily
accessible and useable by the public. Capital funding for the La Picasse project in Petit de
Grat (Eastern Counties) had previously been approved and will be paid over a three year
period beginning in 1993-94. The official sod-turning ceremony will be held on Saturday,
May 14.

1994-95 FUNDING

The Legislature began its new session on April 12 and the budget is expected to be tabled
April 29. At that time we will know the funding allocated for regional libraries for the 1994-
95 year. More on this in early May.

ECRL CELEBRATES A QUARTER CENTURY

Eastern Counties Regional Library will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Sunday May 1,

in Mulgrave, with a gathering of employees, trustees, and politicians who have all supported
the library over the years. Congratulations to ECRL!

NATIONAL INFORMATION HIGHWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL

On April 19, 1994, Federal Industry Minister, John Manley, announced the membership of
the National Information Highway Advisory Council. Mary Dykstra, Dean of Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies, has been named as one of the members. A discussion paper entitled "The Canadian Information Highway : Building Canada's Information and Communications Infrastructure" has also been released. Copies will be
distributed as soon as they arrive.

STRATEGIC PLAN ISSUED IN DRAFT

The draft of the Strategic Plan for Nova Scotia Regional Libraries has been sent out, and the
Report Writing Sub-Committee is anxiously awaiting the reviews! It played well in Peoria,
but will it make it in Margaree Forks? There is plenty of white space left at the end of each
section, and the Planning Team has been encouraged to edit extensively --no comments are
too critical or too laudatory! So talk to the Planning Team member nearest you, and check
out the draft plan! The more feedback that we receive, the better the final plan will be!

The following is a rough schedule of the remaining steps in the process:

Time	Event
May 5	Comments on first draft due from Planning Team
May 15	Second (final?) draft sent to Steering Committee/co-sponsors
May 30	Last day for comments on plan from co-sponsors
June 1	Proposed layout due
June 10	Final text completed by Report Writing Sub-Committee
July 4	Steering Committee meets to approve final camera-ready copy
September ?	Public launch of plan, possibly at NSLA conference

For more information, contact Donna Bourne-Tyson (dbourne).

ELECTRONIC HIGHWAY REPORT

"The Nova Scotia Electronic Highway Study: An Action Plan to Seize Opportunities in the
Electronic Marketplace" by NGL Nordicity Group Ltd. is now available for downloading from the NSTN Gopher in both Microsoft Word and Wordperfect formats. To get the document, open the NSTN gopher and select Nova Scotia Associations, NovaKnowledge,

and
Information Technology in Nova Scotia (in that order). It is also available for loan in hard-
copy from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library's Professional Collection.

MORE ON APLA CONFERENCE (BADDECK, MAY 26-29)

The accommodations deadline for the APLA conference is May 1, 1994 and people planning
to attend are urged to make their bookings. For more information about the conference
contact Faye Hopkins at Cape Breton Regional Library (fhopkins).

HALIFAX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Some regional library staff members were proclaimed as part of the HLA Executive at the
Annual General Meeting on April 20, 1994. David Hansen of the Halifax City Regional Library and Darlene Beck of the Dartmouth Regional Library will be sitting on the Executive
as Councillors, and Sue Dirani of NSPL will be sitting as Vice President/President Elect.

ONE STOP CENTRES

Provincial Library staff and several representatives from the regional public libraries plan to
meet with Frank LeTourneau and Connie Carruthers of the Dept. of Economic Development on Friday, April 22. Discussion will be centred on how the public library system can become a key partner in the development of the Province's One- Stop Centres.

TODAY'S PARADOX: THE GAP IS HERE!

The gap tape arrived the week after Easter, and has been successfully loaded along with the
supplemental bibliographic tape. There are many duplicate records as a result of the way in
which NSPL was forced to use NcompasS before the tape arrived but these will be cleaned
up easily with a "duplicates" report. Please advise us about any anomalies that you discover
on the database and we will correct the situation as quickly as possible!

APPEARING ON AN NCOMPASS TERMINAL NEAR YOU

The Dartmouth Regional Library's catalogue will be loaded on NcompasS within a few weeks. The tape has been cut at DRL, after almost three days of steady processing, and is at
the multiLIS offices now. It will appear on NcompasS as "Bank 3".

MULTILIS Q & A

Q: Is it necessary to include the apostrophes in the shelf number of the item record if NO
labels will be ordered?

A: No, the apostrophes are not needed if labels will not be ordered. The apostrophes are used as coding to tell the system to wrap the number properly when printing.

Q: When adding items, not all of our collection codes are displayed when the "Select" key is
pressed and the menu is displayed. Can these be added?

A: After the Select key is pressed and the menu is displayed on the screen, you may notice a
small diamond shape on the side of the menu. This is an indication that there is more to the
list than is being displayed and is used in the same manner as the Windowscroll bar. To
move further down or up the list, use the arrows keys on the keyboard. Once at the bottom
of the list you will be bounced back to the beginning. If there are some codes missing or if
new ones are required, please advise Susan Barnes (sbarnes) and she will be happy to add
them. Please note that to do so she needs to know which "usual circulation category" you
want the new collection codes to be in.

multiLIS PRESENTATION TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Provincial Library hosted a day-long workshop given by multiLIS for teacher-librarians on
Friday April 15. Sixteen librarians and administrators from six different school districts
attended the workshop. The topics covered included the advantages of networked systems,
electronic data interchange, centralized cataloguing or cataloguing at the point of purchase
and ways to free up staff time through automation. The workshop provided people with an
excellent opportunity to update each other on the state of their systems, and to share insight
about the current climate in school districts.

NSPL STAFF TRAINING

Provincial Library staff were recently trained on the multiLIS circulation and collection
exchange modules. The training provided a good overview as well as hands-on experience
(using a test database). Once they are up and running at NSPL, these modules will certainly

assist us in providing expedient service to you.

CHEBUCTO FREENET NEWS

The Chebucto FreeNet is continuing to give bi-weekly demonstrations. If anyone would like to attend you are asked to contact David Murdoch by e-mail at djm@duncan.alt.ns.ca or call him at 427-4770. The recent program and demo at Halifax City Regional Library on April 12 was a great success, with more than 100 people in attendance. The FreeNet is in need of volunteers to perform various tasks which include writing documentation and assisting information providers in mounting their information on the system. If you are interested, please contact Andrea John (ajohn). Membership brochures will be distributed with the next NSLA Newsletter.

INFORMATION RIGHTS WEEK

Information Rights Week was very successful around the province, one highlight being the signing of the Information Rights Week Proclamation by Premier John Savage. Andrea John will be summarizing Nova Scotia's activities during the Week, and forwarding them to the Canadian Library Association's national summary. Forms have been sent to each Chief Librarian to report the events in their respective regions. Planning for next year's Information Rights Week will begin almost immediately!

INTERNET Q & A

Question: Is there a way to find out about mailing lists on the Internet?

Answer: Yes, you can find a list of mailing lists (listservs) by using the NSTN Gopher. From the main menu screen, click on Internet Resources and then Mail Lists. They are listed alphabetically and by topic. You can even use a keyword search to find one. For each listserv there is a brief description indicating the nature of the list and where to subscribe. There are, of course, printed lists in some of the books on the Internet but they become obsolete very quickly since new mailing lists are created every day.

Note: Pour ceux qui parlent francais, il y a une liste sur l'Internet qui s'appelle La Causerie. C'est pour les gens qui veulent pratiquer leur francais mais pas seulement les anglophones. Soixante pourcent sont francophone - de Montreal, de Paris, et meme de Brasil!

Dites-moi si
vous aimeriez avoir plus de renseignement ou l'address pour vous incrire.
S. Dirani, NSPL

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That's it for this issue. Stay tuned . . . .If you have any questions or comments about the activities mentioned, please contact the
people involved. We encourage readers to comment on items found in THE DISSEMINATOR and/or make suggestions about content.
These comments should be directed to Sue Dirani or Donna Bourne-Tyson.

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